

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 104  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Thursday, January 29, 2015  
8:00 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

James F. Campbell, Academic Psychologist  
Peter M. Oppenheimer, Board Psychologist, Chairperson  
Margaret Paccione-Dyszlewski, Board Psychologist

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Rowland P. Barrett, Board Psychologist  
Charles E. Maynard, Public Board Member

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Karl Beauregard, Legal Counsel  
Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Psychology was held on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:20 AM on a motion by Peter Oppenheimer and seconded by Margaret Paccione-Dyszlewski. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the December 11, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Margaret Paccione-Dyszlewski and seconded by Peter Oppenheimer to accept the Open Session minutes of December 11, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

- Arlene Hartwell announced that Pearson VUE is the new vendor for administration of the Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology and will be fully implemented February 1, 2015.
- Arlene Hartwell informed the board of the mid-year meeting of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards. Peter Oppenheimer stated that he may be able to attend.

4. President/Chairperson Report

- Peter Oppenheimer announced that the Rhode Island Psychological Association will submit Block Bill legislation in the next session which will add licensed behavioral health practitioners to be included in medical care provider language.
- Dr. Oppenheimer noted a discrepancy between Chapter 5-44 -13 and the Rules and Regulations. The board voted unanimously that the Rules and Regulations be amended to reflect the statute.
- The board voted unanimously to submit statute change legislation in order to increase the number of board members. Arlene Hartwell stated that

there are things in the statute that are outdated and that she will provide Dr. Oppenheimer with a list of them on February 2, 2015.

- Peter Oppenheimer announced that the American Psychological Association, Board of Professional Affairs Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice Master's Workgroup Position Paper pertains to the allowance of Master's Degree candidates to be licensed as psychologists.

5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by James Campbell and seconded by Margaret Paccione-Dyszlewski to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:51 AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

6. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Margaret Paccione-Dyszlewski and seconded by James Campbell at 10:30 AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

7. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 0 and denied 0 applications; and proposed action on 6 cases.

8. Adjournment

The next Board of Psychology meeting will be held Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Margaret Paccione-Dyszlewski and seconded by Peter Oppenheimer to adjourn at 10:30 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arlene Hartwell".

Arlene Hartwell  
Board Manager  
Office of Health Professionals Regulation